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1. US MTN DEL VIEWS ON THE NEGOTIATING "SUGGESTION" FOR
THE UPCOMING QR MEETING ARE AET OUT IN REF A. WE BE-
LIEVE THAT THESE VIEWS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PROPOSAL
UNDER INTERAGENCY DISCUSSION DURING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13.
HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF PROCEDURAL AND PRESENTATIONAL DIFFI-
CULTIES WHICH WE FACE IN GENEVA, WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING
COMMENTS ON THIS PROPOSAL.

2. AS DESCRIBED IN REF A THE BASIC TREND AMONG OUR MAJOR
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NEGOTIATING PARTNERS IS TOWARDS A BILATERAL RATHER THAN A

MULTILATERAL APPROACH TO QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE THE US MTN DEL RECOGNIZES THE ADVANTAGES OF A STRONG MULTILATERAL COMPONENT IN THE QR WORK, PARTICULARLY AS THIS WORK RELATES TO SAFEGUARDS, THERE WILL BE MAJOR DIFFICULTIES IN REACHING AGREEMENT ON SUCH AN APPROACH. OTHER PARTICIPANTS ARE UNENTHUSEASTIC ABOUT A MULTILATERAL APPROACH AND THE PRECARIOUS SITUATION WE FACE ON AGRICULTURE IS A COMPLICATING FACTOR. AS REPORTED IN REF B IT IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN WE COULD NOT NOW REACH AGREEMENT ON ANY MULTILATERAL PROCEDURES THAT DEAL WITH BOTH AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY. A PROCEDURE THAT DOES NOT DEAL WITH BOTH WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE US. THEREFORE, UNTIL SOME BASIC UNDERSTANDING WITH THE EC CAN BE FOUND ON AGRICULTURE WE DO NOT THINK IT WOULD BE WISE TO RAISE THE MULTILATERAL ASPECT.

3. IN CONTRAST, THE BILATERAL APPROACH IS AN AREA WHERE SOME WORK IS ALREADY UNDERWAY AND SHOULD BE RELATIVELY EASY FOR OTHER DELEGATIONS TO PREPARE FOR AND PARTICIPATE IN. WE WOULD HOPE THAT FURTHER BELATERAL PROGRESS WOULD BE ENHANCED BY THE US INITIATIVE. IN FOCUSING ON THE BILATERAL AREA WE SHOULD STRESS THE NEED TO MOVE AHEAD USING THE CONSULTATION MECHANISM AS A BASIS FOR A SECOND STAGE THAT WOULD A) REFINE THE IDENTIFICATION OF PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS UNDER DISCUSSION IN THE FIRST STAGE OF THE NOTIFICATION/CONSULTATION PROCEDURES AND B) EXPLORE OR POSSIBLY AGREE UPON MEANS OR MODALITIES OF LIBERALIZATION OF PARTICULAR QR'S. SUCH A PROCEDURE WOULD SHARPEN THE FOCUS ON SPECIFIC PRODUCTS AFFECTED BY QR'S AND THE DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS WOULD ENABLE US TO CONTINUE DOWN THE PATH TOWARD A FULL NEGOTIATING STAGE. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT FEW DELEGATIONS WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO INITIATE SUCH WORK IN THE NEAR TERM, BUT FEEL THAT THIS PROCEDURE IS THE NEXT LOGICAL STEP IN THE EVALUATION OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. THE SOONER THIS NEXT STEP IS TAKEN, THE SOONER OTHER PARTICIPANTS CAN SERIOUSLY UNDERTAKE INTERNAL WORK IN THIS AREA SINCE THE NEGOTIATION STAGE WILL BE MORE CLEARLY IN VIEW.

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4. LICENSING: IN LICENSING, THE WORK OF THE SUBGROUP HAS BEEN STALEMATED WITH PARTICIPANTS STEADFASTLY MAINTAINING OLD POSITIONS ON THE DRAFT TEXTS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE LARGE NUMBERS OF DRAFTING PROPOSALS ON THE TABLE THAT, IF THOROUGHLY ANALYZED, MIGHT HOLD A SOLUTION TO THE DEADLOCK. AS THE US DEL COMMENTED IN ITS REPORTING CABLE OF THE LAST SUBGROUP MEETING (REF C), A DRAFTING GROUP WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE MECHANISM TO MOVE WORK

FORWARD IN THIS AREA. THE IDEAS EMERGING FROM THE DRAFTING
GROUPS' DELIBERATIONS WOULD ALLOW US TO REEXAMINE OUR
POSITION AND FORMULATE NEW APPROACHES TO ATTAIN OUR FUNDA-
MENTAL OBJECTIVES IN THE LICENSING AREA.CULBERT

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